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SUBJECT:CIVAIR: PAN AM PROBLEMS

REF: (A) PRAGUE 1795 (B) PRAGUE 1718

1. AFTER DISCUSSION WITH PAN AM AND CAB, DEPT. DECIDED THAT CSA EXTRA SECTION REQUESTS SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ON CASE-BY-CASE BASIS PENDING CONCRETE RESULTS FROM MEETING WITH KALICKY. HOWEVER, IT MIGHT BE USEFUL TO SIGNAL USG ENCOURAGEMENT OF CONTINUED CONSTRUCTIVE APPROACH APPARENT IN KALICKY/EMBASSY CONVERSATION.

2. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY MAY, AT ITS DISCRETION, INDICATE TO KALICKY THAT FIRST EXTRA SECTION FLIGHT ON JULY 19 WAS APPROVED AND THAT DEPT/CAB WILL AWAIT WITH INTEREST GOC SOLUTIONS TO THREE PROBLEM AREAS IDENTIFIED
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IN REFTEL B PRIOR TO CONSIDERATION OF OTHER EXTRA SECTION FLIGHTS.

3. FYI: ATTORNEY FOR CSA HAS RECENTLY INDICATED THAT AIRLINE IS TRYING TO BREAK LONG TERM LEASE ON OFFICE SPACE IN NEW YORK CITY AND THAT LANDLORD IS RELUCTANT TO LET CSA OUT OF LEASE OBLIGATION WITHOUT PAYMENT OF

250,000 DOLLARS (RENT IS REPORTEDLY 120,000 DOLLARS PER

YEAR). ATTORNEY ALLEGES THAT LEASE CONTRACT WAS
FRUSTRATED BY FACT THAT USG REQUIRES CSA TO USE PAN AM AS
MANDATORY GENERAL SALES AGENT WHICH PRECLUDES CSA FROM
SELLING ITS TICKETS DIRECTLY. ALTHOUGH CSA'S LEASE
SITUATION IS OF ITS OWN MAKING, WE SUSPECT THAT IT
MAY BE MORE THAN COINCIDENTAL THAT PAN AM HAS RENT PROBLEMS
IN PRAGUE. END FYI CHRISTOPHER

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